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Mid-Winter Concert.

The concert of the Music Department, December 20th, was a very attractive and excellent performance. A large company were present,—in fact, the largest attendance of any concert ever given during any winter term.

The young ladies acquited themselves with great credit. Miss Pendell's work, especially, was spoken of very highly, by all who heard her. The Music Department is certainly in good hands, and promises to grow into a more important feature of our work each year.

Woman to the Front

The last number of the HERALD contained a suggestion from a lady of our church, urging that the women of Methodism "ought to build the College Home" or Boarding Hall. And why not? Nothing would be more appropriate than that this new building should be erected chiefly by the subscriptions of the devoted women of the church to-day for the futnre women of Methodism. Would that God might put it into the heart of some noble benevolent woman to give $10,000 and name the building. It would stand as a lasting memorial for the donor or some loved one. Why can this not occur in West Virginia as similar acts have been occuring everywhere throughout the country? Let us pray God to raise up some such friend for the Seminary.

We are hearing hearty expressions of appoval from all sides, that the trustees have decided to go ahead with the Ladies Home, West Virginia will soon have at least one first class school for girls.

We present to our readers a new cut of the "Woman's Building" or "College Home." The drawing is not an exact picture, as it is impossible to obtain one until the structure stands before us. Yet it gives a fairly accurate idea as to how the building will appear when finished. It will compare favorably with the Main building in general appearance and in both external and internal finish; will have the modern conveniences, and will be a delightful home for the young ladies, who may be so fortunate as to occupy it. It will be ready for the opening of the fall term 1895.

Extra copies of this issue will be sent free on request wherever they are likely to do good for the school.

The Spring Term.

The Spring Term of fourteen weeks will open March 7th. Commencement June 13th. The prospects for a full attendance are fine, better than ever before. The enrollment will probably be much over 200. Already we have heard of a large number of new students, besides dozens of old ones to come in. The Seminary is constantly growing in favor with the people and its future is bright.

The two societies gave a joint program on the evening of Dec. 21st, being the last day preceding the winter vacation. It was followed by a social which was largely attended, and a very interesting occasion.

Seminary Herald

In the early 1890s, the Seminary Herald was published by President Hutchinson, of the West Virginia Conference Seminary, as a small news bulletin. It included news of interest, such as registration figures, important occasions of the school year, lectures and entertainments, recognition of contributions and suggestions on the further needs of the Seminary. This is a window into the life of the Seminary during the years of 1893 to 1896. A few issues have been lost to time.

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- Our Reception
    - First number of the Herald was given a hearty reception, but that won't pay the printer's bill. How to subscribe and help.
- How Many Students?
    - Spring term opened with enrollment of over 180. About 275 different students enrolled for the year. This is a remarkable showing for a school in its third year.The trustees of the Conference Seminary have reason to feel proud of the success of the work committed to their hands.
- Commencement
    - Will be biggest yet, and numbers some students who have been with us ever since the institution opened. We are glad to know that some of them will continue their studies and pursue full college and university courses.
- From the Outside
    - Someone had written that they had given at least $200 to the Seminary and is watching its growth from afar with special interest. (This person was a member of one of our far-western annual conferences, but a native of West Virginia).
- Wisely Willed
    - A good lady not yet advanced in years has made her will and remembered the
    - Seminary with a bequest. Encouraging others to do the same instead of waiting until the feebleness of age comes on, or she is overtaken by sickness.
- [Handwritten note at the bottom of the page says Debt was $20,000]

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- College Quartet (Messrs.Billingsley, Hammond, Haught and Lloyd won golden opinions at the Excelsior Public)
- Religious interest this term is good.
- Jahu DeWitt Miller spoke Tuesday evening, April 18th.
    - Mr. Miller is orator, philosopher, scholar and wit. The privilege of hearing such a man has seldom if ever come to the citizens of Buckhannon before.
- Buckhannon to the Front
    - Encouraging Buckhannon not to be outdone in giving in the effort to lift the debt on the Seminary.

- Important to Members of W.Va. Conference
    - A plea to support the Seminary Collection. “No other collection will do so much for Methodism in West Virginia as this one. The eyes of the whole church are upon us.”
- Too Strong a Hold
    - A wealthy man in Kentucky told his pastor that he had given away fifty thousand dollars last year because he found it was getting too strong a hold on him. Encouraging others to do the same in their stewardship.
    - Persons who are considering the subject of making gifts or bequests or giving money in the form of annuity (on which they will receive interest) to the Seminary are requested to write to President Hutchinson.
- Heating the Building
    - A plea for someone to come to the relief of the Seminary and provide adequate heating apparatus for the building before another winter.

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- Locals
    - Various notes and items. One indicates that the Literary Societies are doing some good work, and that no department of the school is more important than these. Also, it is mentioned that the professors all have too much work. It would be wonderful if it were possible to “increase the force, raise salaries, and diminish the amount of work.” But, they rejoice that “we have a corps of teachers who do not work simply for the money they are to receive, but for the good of the institution.
    - We are sorry to notice the illness of Rev. Dr. John W. Reger, than whom the Conference Seminary has no more devoted friend and patron. We hope he may be spared yet many years to see the institution prosper and extend its influence.
    - The new students this term are, as usual, many of them teachers or those preparing to teach. One good indication is that when students once come to the Seminary, they are apt to return, often to enter on a regular course of study. A diploma from the Seminary is destined to be prized more and more highly as the years go by.
- Development
    - The railroad line of the new W.Va & P.R.R. is undergoing rapid development causing new towns to spring up. Buckhannon has probably doubled in population during the past three years and is still growing.
    - List of the names of the visitors appointed by the Conference to attend our Commencement in June. (June 11th to 15th). They include:
        - Rev. A. Moore, Grafton
        - Rev. N.L. Baumgardner, Mt. Lake Park, Md.
        - Rev. D.L. Ashe, Grafton
        - Rev. S.D. Tamblyn, New Martinsville
        - Rev. Dr. A.B. Riker, Wheeling
        - Rev. C.H. Lakin, Huntington
        - Hon. Geo. C. Sturgiss, Morgantown

        - C.W. Archbold, Parkersburg
        - U.A. Clayton, Fairmont.
- The New Building
    - A call for funding to retire the debt and build a new building to expand the school
- The Cigarette
    - We quote the following statement of a leading chemist for the benefit of the foolish boys and young men who are poisoning themselves with the deadly cigarette. Five deadly ingredients in cigarettes, each of which is calculated to destroy human life.

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- April 1893 Locals
    - Senior Class has adopted as its motto “Nil Sine Numine”
    - Every new student should join one of the literary societies and then do the work laid on him.
    - We should be glad to have subscribers and former students inform us of the where-abouts and success of any ex-students of the Seminary. We are interested in each one. The Seminary will soon have a considerable body of alumni in the state.
    - Many new books should be added to the Seminary library but here is a list of things that would be most interesting (especially books by West Virginia authors).
    - A list of students from various counties in the southern part of the state. If there were direct railroad communication there would be many students here from those counties which are now separated from us by so great a barrier.
- Former Students
    - A wide variety of notes about former students and what they are doing now.

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- The Seminary Debt
    - A report on progress to wipe out the $20,000 debt, and a plea for donations.
- Location
    - Buckhannon is a healthy town.
- A Memorial
    - Remember the Seminary as a way to honor a deceased friend or family member
- Publics
    - Chrestomathean
        - Declamations, Misses Ora Wilson and Bertha Hanson
        - Essays, W.G. Lloyd and T.W. Haught
        - Orations, W.E. Baker and G.G.Lovett
        - Debate, A.L. Ireland and E.A.Davis
    - Excelsior
        - Declamations, Misses Nellie Howard and Kittie Farnsworth
        - Essas, Misses Pearl Dorsey and Lelia Rapp
        - Oragions, G.R. Archer and W.T. Sleeth
        - Debate, A.G. Hughes and E.G. Pierson

- The Seminary has received more students from Preston and Jackson counties during this year than from any others, except the counties lying next to Upshur, Braxton, Harrison, Lewis, Randolph, Barbour. Wood and others have a good representation.

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- Our mission
    - Nothing is so vital to the future of our Seminary as to maintain the proper religious spirit.
- Donation
    - Mrs. Davis of Cincinnati left the residue of her estate to Ohio Wesleyan. We hope the time will soon come when the people of West Virginia will do similarly. We cannot always plead poverty.
- Loyalty
    - Gratifying to note the loyalty of all the Presiding Elders of the Conference to the Seminary. The future of the W.Va. Conference is in good degree dependent on the Seminary. The character of the ministry especially will be greatly influenced by the school.
    - There are several students who will leave the Seminary at the end of the present year in order to enter college somewhere in the fall. Most, if not all, of these would remain here three years longer for the full college course if we were able to give it to them. We shall hail the happy day when some generous friend of education shall endow the institution, thus making it possible to do full college work. A first-class college is needed in the heart of West Virginia.
- Advertisements
    - G. & C. Merriam Co., Publishers, Springfield, Mass.
    - Sharpts & Wright, Dry-Goods, Clothing, Shoes & Carpets
    - Simpson's City Drug Store

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- An Uneducated Ministry
    - A letter from President Warren of Boston University to young men preparing for the ministry. Full text is included here.
- Charleston, Huntington, etc.
    - President Hutchinson has been traveling through the state and receiving a royal welcome. "It is noticeable that wherever the interests of the Seminary are presented to the people, it finds a response in the Methodist heart." "All our people need is to know the facts about the institution and its work."
- Advertisement for Epworth Organs and Pianos in Centerville, Iowa

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- Advertisements
    - West Virginia Conference Seminary (Includes a sketch of the Seminary Building and list of the faculty).
    - J.L. Heavner, Shoe Store
    - F.W. Baumer & Co. Pianos, Organs, and Music, in Wheeling, W.Va..
- What They Say

    - Letters from a lady from Pennsylvania and a prominent lawyer in Wheeling congratulating the school.
- A Letter Worth $500
    - The President of the Seminary received a letter from a businessman in New York offering $500 provided the whole of the $20,000 debt shall be raised. This gentleman has never visited the school, and so far as we know is not personally known to one of the Trustees. This is another evidence that the cause of the Seminary commends itself to the judgment of benevolent men.
- Land in Buckhannon for Sale. Persons who are looking toward Buckhannon as a future home can learn of a desirable town lot near the Seminary for sale; also a tract of 30 or 40 acres about one mile from the Seminary. Write to Rev. B.W. Hutchinson.
- There are now twenty-five counties of West Virginia besides three other states represented among the students at the Seminary. This speaks well of the hold the institution is getting on the public.

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- Business Manager: G.W. Billingsly
- Local Editors: A.G. Hughes, Excelsior Society and M.C. Lough, Chrestomathean Society
- The Cry for Money
- Sale of Scholarships (Not recommended)

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- The Church and the State
- A Suggestion to Pastors
- Art Entertainment (Under the direction of Miss McFarland). The attendance was excellent and the audience was highly pleased. More than enough money was realized to pay for the new china kiln, purchased during the fall term.
- Obituary (Rev. W.R. White, D.D., one of our trustees)
- Doing Your Share
- Extra Copies

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- Stay at Home (to attend college instead of going out of state). One of the things our West Virginia people have yet to learn is that going out of the State to attend school, or college, may often be a serious blunder. Things are no better because they are beyond our borders, nor worse because near home…..We repeat “stay at home,” young man, and identify yourself with your own Conference School, and thus aid in the development of your own State. Let West Virginians be true to West Virginia, and the future will make her one of the great states of the Union.
- Good News! $3,000 for a Woman’s Hall (Gift from Rev. J.A. Williams. Not only the first gift toward the building, but also the largest gift yet by a single individual to the seminary)
- Second Church, Parkersburg. The dedication December 17th, of the new Elberon Church, Parkersburg, marks a new era in the history of Methodism in that city. (Under the faithful pastoral oversight of Rev. J.H. Funk, formerly of the Seminary).

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- January 1894 - Locals
    - The enrollment for the winter term has passed the one hundred mark.
    - $3,000 in one subscription is a magnificent start for the new college home.
    - Rev. A.W. Chambers, of '82, reports a revival on his charge, Thomas and Parsons.
    - Rev. Geo. D. Smith, Class of '93, is deservedly popular and successful on the Sutton Circuit.
    - Among the latest arrivals at the Seminary is Miss Workman, of Bald Knob, Boone County.
    - Some of the pastors in the conference are doing heroic service for the Seminary, for they keep the subject ever before the people. So it should be.
    - Wheeling is showing a lively interest in the Seminary. Dr. A.B. Riker, of Fourth Street church, and his people deserve special mention for their gifts, foremost among whom is Mr. Henry K. List for $2,500 on the debt.
    - Mr. M.F. Geisey, architect of Wheeling, is at work evolving plans for the proposed Ladies' Hall.
    - The M.E. Church at Buckhannon is enjoying a good degree of prosperity, having reached a membership of over 400. The building is far too small to properly provide for the congregation.
    - The various graduates of the Seminary Business College and Short-hand Department are doing well out in life, scattered as they are in several states.
    - Houses, to let, are now abundant in Buckhannon and cheap rooms for students abound.
    - The furnace heat in the building is doing better than last year, but is not yet at all times a perfect success.
    - Mr. Harry Fling has resigned his work at Beverly and gone west to enter upon work in Indian Territory.
    - The Seminary library greatly needs $100 to buy some books which are constantly being called for. Who will make students and faculty happy by such a gift?
    - Some of the students were delayed in returning after vacation by the very inconvenient arrangements of the trains on the W.V. & P.R.R.
    - The calisthenic drill of the military company by Col. Casteel is quite interesting, novel and beneficial. The girls have petitioned the President to join for the winter drill.
    - It was almost worth the cost of the term in school to have the pleasure of being in such a jolly, good natured crowd as went down on the train just before the holidays. The expectation of seeing fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, and friends, made the students happy. It was an experience to remember during life.

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- Endowment - The future of the Conference Seminary will not be assured until an endowment shall have been secured. Some one has wisely expressed the situation of our Seminary in the following, written for a western college: "The special struggle

through which most institutions have to pass is the effort to procure funds to meet current expenses. Colleges which do not depend directly on the State, or which do not exist through private beneficence, are greatly crippled in their work unless endowed. In recent years, education is so nearly free that but a small revenue can be gained by students' fees."

- Fundraising for Ladies' Hall
- There are now only two boarding clubs for students, the Fretwell club, managed by Mr. A.G. Hughes and the Lorentz club, by G.W. Billinsley. The Lorentz club is honored with the presence of two members of the faculty and several young ladies.
- Joy of Giving
- President B.W. Hutchinson has two desirable lots for sale adjacent to the Seminary, both on Camden Avenue, one a corner lot. These were gifts on the debt and should be turned into money as soon as possible.

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- Two Hundred and Fifty Students (Hoping for in the spring). Encouraging all pastors in the West Virginia conference to send students and to rally to the school. Many students will go elsewhere often to State institutions, unless a strong influence is brought to bear upon them from the right direction.
    - The Normal Department is especially worthy of mention to public school teachers--the only school in West Virginia with a course arranged on purpose to suit those who remain out to teach during the winter.
- Our Course of School -- Advancement (curriculum to be added). Our students fall so in love with the institution that they want to remain with us for further study after they graduate. The additions will probably be in Greek, Latin, Modern Language, Mathematics and English, including Political Economy.
- Mid-Winter Concert was given December 19 in the large chapel. A large audience, composed of the community, enjoyed a rare treat in "An Evening with Schubert."
- Advertisements
    - F.P. Sexton [Schoolbooks, stationery, wallpaper, matting, etc.]; Phillips' Building, Buckhannon
    - Dr. G.B. Simpson, Druggist and Dealer in Artistic Materials, Drugs and chemicals, dyes, paints, etc.; Main Street, Buckhannon
    - Epworth Organs and Pianos; Centerville, Iowa

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- Notes--Selected (quotes about the importance of education)
- Advertisements
    - Full advertisement for the West Virginia Conference Seminary
    - Latham & Koblegard, Groceries
    - J.L. Heavner Shoe Store
    - F.W. Baumer & Co. Pianos, Organs, and Music; Wheeling, W.Va.

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- Business Manager: G.W. Billingsly
- Local Editors: A.G. Hughes, Excelsior Society and M.C. Lough, Chrestomathean Society
- The Spring Term (175 students enrolled)
- To the New Student
- The New Building (Planning for Ladies' Hall - Mr. Geisey, the architect already has submitted a plan - the structure should cost about $20,000). The "Home" ought to be ready to receive students by the fall of '95.
- Important Notice! Treasurer B.F. Martin will make a considerable payment on the Seminary debt, July 1st 1894. Please try to pay your pledges by June 25th if possible.
- Buckhannon is still improving with building continuing in spite of hard times. The streets are in much better condition than formerly.
- Anti-tobacco message

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- Study of the English Bible in Colleges, by Rev. J.M. Barker
- Joy of Giving $100,000 (anonymous donor gives $100,000 to the new American University in Washington, D.C.)
- Making Money
- Give While You Can
- Take Your Time You can't learn everything in the first term. Better go slow but sure and do your work well.

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- Methodism and Education. The average annual gifts to educational institutions of the Methodist Episcopal church, during the past twenty-five years, have aggregated about $800,000. During this time the number of institutions of learning has doubled, besides the great increase in capacity, efficiency and equipment of those already existing.
- Conference Visitors
    - Ministers: C.E. Clark, J. Beddow, B.B. Evans, C.H. Lakin, C.R. Shackelford, W.J. Harkness, T.W. Chidester, J. Engle
    - Laymen: Dr. R. McMillan, C.W. Archbold, Prof. A.J. Wilkinson, Hon. T.P. Jacobs
- The Athens of West Virginia (Buckhannon is to be the Mecca of Methodism for this conference)

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- March 1894 Locals (a wide variety of topics - a few examples are included here)
    - Rev. A.B. Rohrbough led chapel devotions the first day of the Spring term.
    - Roy Reger, class of '93, expects to return to pursue his studies further next year
    - Next to Upshur, Harrison is the banner county in number of students. She ranks well in quality as well as quantity.
    - About half a dozen different denominations of Christians are represented at present among the students of the Seminary.
    - A chorus class has been formed and will be taught by Mrs. McIver.
    - A good number from the class of '94 and '95 are planning to take the full college course. This is the best recommendation that can be given of their confidence in the present Faculty.

    - Miss Kittie Farnsworth, of Buckhannon, and formerly a student in the Musical Department met a sudden death on the B.&O. R.R. on her way home from Chicago, March 17th. Her death was a shock to many students who knew her.
    - Remember the dates for Commencement and make your plans to come. Reduced rates on the railroads. Time June 9-14.
    - A class in free hand drawing for teachers and others, is offered in the Studio by Miss McFarland, teacher of painting and drawing.
    - The class in Chemistry last term under the instruction of Prof. Bennett did excellent work. The experiments were very successful.
    - Some of the Seminary's best students are so situated that they can be with us but one or two terms in the year. When Providence smiles upon them in a business way they come.
    - There is an unusually large number of "select" schools taught by a single teacher in the various country districts this year. They account for the absence of some young people from the Seminary.
    - Major Blair in his uniform inspired some of the new students with a kind of reverential awe akin to that one might feel for the great Washington. So much can the tailor do for a man.
    - We desire to express our sincere thanks to several of the preachers who have been instrumental in sending students to the Seminary. Brethren, we appreciate your efforts in behalf of the school, knowing that the future of the institution is largely in our hands.
    - The Seminary is not built on a rock, literally speaking, but it is erected on one of the most beautiful and healthful spots east of the Ohio River. Young people of West Virginia come and see us.
    - There are now between seventy and seventy-five students in regular class-work pursuing the study of Latin at the Seminary. This indicates what is true, that a large percent of the students enrolled are doing regular college preparatory work.
    - Since our last issue the President of the Seminary has visited Rowlesburg, W.Va.., and Oakland, Md. in the interests of the school.
    - Prof. Bennett's Normal Latin class of more than a fourth of a hundred, proves that the rising young men and women of our Mountain State have higher ideals than the "Humpty-dumpty" grade of work done in many of the so called "higher institutions" of learning.
- Senior Class '94
    - The class of this year is composed entirely of literary students, there being none in the Musical or Art departments.
    - Class Officers
        - President: S.B. Blair
        - Vice President: Miss Anna Shrader
        - Secretary: Miss Pearl Dorsey
        - Class Orator: M.C. Lough
        - Class Poet: A.G. Hughes
    - Other members of the Senior Class of 1894

        - W.S. Morris
        - C.I. Zirkle
        - W.H. McMillen
        - A.E. Teets
        - J.H. Koch
    - Rev. F.D.T. Bickley, D.D., of Wheeling, will preach the annual sermon at Commencement Sunday at 8 p.m.
    - We are pained to note that quite a number of students cannot return to school this Spring for lack of money. The hard times are felt here as in all lines of business and trade.
    - The Commencement season in June promises one new feature this year i.e. a reunion of graduates of the Seminary. The Alumni gathering should be a great attraction from this time forth.
    - March 11th the President of the Seminary dedicated a new church at Concord near Belington.
    - The social the first Saturday evening of the spring term was a success in every particular. We hope the Faculty will remember that we appreciate a good thing and will permit us to have another one soon.
    - The promenade at the social in the large chapel to the music of the "Union forever' with the stars and stripes as marching colors, made us all feel glad that we are Americans and that the Seminary fosters co-education.
    - The two literary societies rendered their annual programs Friday and Saturday evenings March 16 and 17.
        - Excelsior performers included: Nellie Howard, Leila Rapp, Jessie Trotter, Mrs. G.W. Billingsley, S.B. Blair , A. Lee Post, C.I. Zirkle, and W.S. Morris.
        - Chrestomathean performers included: Hope Thatcher, Jeffie Poe, Clara Regester, Mary Jones, Charles C. Wentz, Gratton U. Balsley, L.A. Hall, and Daniel Westfall

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- Gifts and Requests. The Seminary calls loudly and constantly for generous gifts and bequests from our people. Every pastor in the West Virginia Conference is a special agent for the Seminary. Read the early history of any of the great colleges or universities of Methodism, their struggles and sacrifices and their successes, and then turn again to our own beloved Conference Seminary with renewed zeal.
- An Interesting Fact . It is an interesting and somewhat remarkable fact that of the three largest gifts made to the Conference Seminary, two were from ministers, members of the W.Va. Conference. Both of these venerable ministers (Rev. J.A. Williams and Rev. John Reger) labored on small salaries and endured many hardships; both died within the past year in sight of the Seminary and at almost exactly the same age. Having been denied the advantages of the schools in early life, both of them desired to furnish these advantages to others.
- Seminary Collection (A plea - "Brethren stand by your school in these times of need"
- Special Meetings (for the religious benefit of the students)

- Advertisement: Epworth Organs and Pianos; Centerville, Iowa

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- Gifts of Books (from Sarah P. Hubbard, widow of the late Hon. C.D. Hubbard, of Wheeling)
- Trustees of the Seminary (some errors from the Conference Minutes are corrected)
    - Ministers: L.H. Jordan, J.A. Fullerton, A.B. Rohrbough, C.B. Graham, A. Mick, Jos. Lee, B.W. Hutchinson, J.A. Hess
    - Laymen: Hon. B.F. Martin, Judge Sam'l Woods, Hon. H.C. McWhorter, Capt. A.M. Poundstone, Dr. R.A. Reger, J.C. Bardall, Jno. A. Barnes, Hon. J.S. Withers, C.W. Brockunier
- Where the New Students Come From (25 counties in West Virginia)
- Advertisements:
    - J.L. Hevner Shoe Store (successor to M.M. West & Son)
    - F.P. Sexton [Schoolbooks, stationery, wallpaper, matting, etc.]; Phillips' Building, Buckhannon
    - Dr. G.B. Simpson, Druggist and Dealer in Artistic Materials, Drugs and chemicals, dyes, paints, etc.; Main Street, Buckhannon
    - West Virginia Conference Seminary; Buckhannon, W.Va.

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- Important (Conference apportionment for the Seminary: 4% of pastor's salary, including house rent - which was one per cent less than last year)
- A Voice from the Women (imploring conference women to raise money for the Boarding Hall). "I wish most sincerely, that the Methodist women of our State could raise the money for that Boarding Hall. Is there not some plan they can adopt to do it?"
- Pen and Ink drawing of the proposed building
- The Seminary is constantly growing in favor with the public. Inquiries are coming frequently from other states besides West Virginia.

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- New Dormitory Building (at last underway - foundation is being laid and will be finished by November 10th) (a plea for donations because they do not prefer to borrow the money for the building).
    - The need for such a building is very great. We are constantly suffering for lack of it; and many of our would be patrons do not patronize the school on that account.
- College or Seminary, Which? (Commended for starting a seminary instead of trying to found a college before they were able. Also, it makes it very clear that they hope to be a college - not a university.
- Personals, and the excitement that the annual Conference will meet here next year.
- President Hutchinson attended the Epworth League convention at Moundsville, and dedicated a new church near Mannington on the 14th of October.

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- Locals (Various notes and items. Some examples follow)

- Singing books have been purchased for chapel and the societies. “Songs of the Soul”
- This issue of the paper is considerably delayed on account of the fire which burned the *Banner* office.
- Quite a number of students and some of the faculty heard Hon. S. B. Elkins in a political speech not long since.
- Rev. J.C. Morris, of the W.Va. Conference, formerly pastor at Davis, has purchased property here and will make this his permanent home.
- The Military Department has taken one day out of four for the purpose of playing baseball. This seems to be a happy hit, at least for some of the cadets.
- It is not best for students to visit home often during the term. The student that does this, will lose much of the life of the school, and as a rule will not do so well in his studies.
- Many former students of the Seminary have received appointments to churches in the W.Va. Conference (Sterling J. Miller, J.H. Funk, W.T.W. Sleeth, E.A. Davis, G.E. Morris, W.G. Lloyd)
- Many of the students went home to vote this week. Of course they voted right.
- The Seminary, not yet five years old, is the largest and most prosperous school of its grade in Methodism.
- Mr. Charles L. Zirkle, of ‘94 is candidate for County Superintendent of Barbour County, and will make a good officer if elected.
- Eight former graduates of the Seminary are now in school with us. This shows that the ideals of broad education placed before our students lead them on to a higher culture.
- We rejoice in the advance of the Shorthand Department, Prof. Holt is unusually competent for his work; and we feel safe in saying that the Seminary has the best school of Shorthand within two hundred miles.
- New students are entering every week. Over 170 have been enrolled this fall. This is 25 more than ever before at the same time of the year.
- Mr. Geisey, the architect, has made new drawings of the front and elevations of the new Dormitory building, incorporating changes which vastly improve the appearance of the proposed building. May it soon stand there in reality, a thing of beauty.
- Of last year’s Senior Class, the following have returned to the Seminary for the fall term: Messrs. Blair, Lough, Zirkle and Teets. The following will teach: Messrs Hughes, W.S. Morris, W.H. McMillan and Miss shrader; also for a time, Mr. Koch. Miss Dorsey is at home near Moundsville.
- The following members of the Board of Trustees were present at the Special meeting called by Judge Woods October 30th: Samuel Woods, J.C. Badall, John A. Barnes, Dr. R.A. Reger, A..M. Poundstone, Rev. A. Mick, Rev. J.A. Fullerton, Rev. S.D. Tamblyn, Rev. J.H. Hess, Rev. A.B. Rohrbouth, Rev. B.W. Hutchinson, Rev. L.H. Jordan and J.S. Withers, Esq.

- Trustees' Special Meeting (October 20th - to discuss the plans and hopes for the new "Woman's Building"). The plan is much like that of the Woman's College Homes of Baltimore and the Wellesley College homes, both having been visited by the President before the drawings were made.
- New Teachers:
    - Rev. Wm. J. Holt, Shorthand and Typing
    - Miss M.E.O. Pendell, Voice Culture, Piano and Organ
    - Miss Persis H. Hermans, Painting, Drawing and Crayoning
    - Miss Leni L. McWhorter, Elocution and Physical Culture
    - Mr. W.A. Haggerty, Normal Branches and Mathematics
- The Herald (free during the present year - plea for donations - will have wide distribution)
- Work for the Leagues (Epworth Leagues in the Conference have opportunity to do something towards furnishing the new Ladies' Dormitory Building)
- Advertisement for the W.Va. Conference Seminary, including a full list of faculty.

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- Mid-Winter Concert (December 20th, The Music Department, got great reviews)
- Woman to the Front (repeat of the article from last issue)
- We are hearing hearty expressions of approval from all sides, that the trustees have decided to go ahead with the Ladies Home. West Virginia will soon have at least one first class school for girls.
- New cut of the "Woman's Building" or "College Home". It will be ready for the opening of the fall term in 1895. It will compare favorably with the Main building in general appearance and in both external and internal finish; will have the modern conveniences, and will be a delightful home for the young ladies who may be so fortunate as to occupy it.
- The Spring Term of fourteen weeks will open March 7th. Commencement June 13th.
- The two societies gave a joint program, followed by a social, on the evening of Dec. 21st, being the last day preceding the winter vacation.

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- Giving by Preachers ("We are building for the future, and the future will judge our work. These are the days for making history in West Virginia.")
- We are near the close of our five years. Some of the friends of the institution are inclined to think the victory already complete, and that the future will be comparatively smooth. Let us not be over sanguine, but prepare ourselves for five years more of hard work.
- The Epworth League and the Woman's Building. Enlisting the co-operation of the Leagues in our Conference in helping to furnish the new building.

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- Locals (Various notes and items. Some examples follow)
    - When you have read this copy of the Herald please give or mail it to some one whom you would like to see interested in the Seminary.
    - Mr. W.E. Baker, class of '93, reports that the Seminary boys at Morgantown are in high favor. They are commanding the best places, and doing the best work.

    - One of the finest things in the entire curriculum of the Seminary is the physical drill being given by Dr Casteele. Next year the young ladies will take a similar drill throughout the year.
    - We are receiving good reports from our students who are out teaching. They make a very formidable body of teachers, and will doubtless do much to elevate the educational standard of the state.
    - The President of the Seminary visited Moundsville, Wheeling, Grafton and Philippi during the recent vacation in the interests of the school.
    - President Hutchinson was completely taken by surprise when, on Thursday before Christmas, about twenty or thirty students, led by Mr. Haggerty, filed uninvited into his office, and presented him with a handsome revolving office chair. Such expressions from students are the most satisfactory gifts to an instructor.
    - The outlook for the spring term is very encouraging, indeed. (The total number of students for the year will not be less than 300. This for a school just closing its fifth year, is certainly a remarkable showing.
- An Alarm (Financial support from the Conference is down. Interesting financial analysis about tuition rates and quality of instruction. Also a distinction between private and public institutions.

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- Indorsements concerning the Ladies' Hall
    - 1. From one of the Presiding Elders of the West Virginia Conference. "Yes, by all means, plan for the Ladies' Hall; give the Lord a chance to work for us as we work for ourselves?
    - 2. One prominent pastor in a leading appointment, says, "I believe that you ought to get anywhere between $2000 and $3000 from the various Epworth Leagues in our conference. Of course, the only way is for the individual Leagues to take up the cause, and make their contributions. I believe, aside from the collections, a campaign of this kind among the Leagues would do as much to put the Seminary upon the hearts of our young people as anything that could be done."
- The Contract Let (The contract for the Ladies' Home has been let to Joseph McLain and Bro., Bellaire, Ohio. The price, above the foundation, not including heating and plumbing, is $15,044.00)
- New Students
- Receipts of the Treasurer (Names and amounts)

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- Normal Department. The five months' winter school is interfering somewhat with the plans of teachers, who desire to attend the fall and spring terms at the Seminary, and yet a number are doing it. We shall expect no less than 250, possibly 300 students during the spring term.
- Music Department. There are almost twice as many student enrolled as at the smae time last year. Mrs. Hutchinson, Miss Heermans and Miss Pendell are all doing some

teaching. We have been obliged to buy two new pianos. There is no reason why the Seminary Musical Department should not be the musical center of West Virginia, and within the next five years it can be. Our standards are high, and we propose to do such work as will recommend the department to musicians everywhere.

- How the Ladies Hall has been Furnished. The amount estimated to furnish one room was $50. Besides the rooms, however, there were dining room and kitchen furnishings to be provided. Individuals and Epworth Leagues have been very helpful. We also need furniture for the parlors, a number of suitable settees, lounges, chairs, heavy center tables and such like. We ought to have some elegant pictures for the parlors. Who will help us to finish up this important matter?
- Myron C. Lough, of '94, is a student at Denison University, Granville, Ohio
- T.W. Haught and S.B. Blair, both of '94, are at the West Virginia University
- A.G. Hughes, of '94 is first assistant in the Buckhannon Public Schools
- A.E. Teets, W.S. Morris and W.H. McMillan, all of '94, are all teaching
- C.I. Zirkle, of '94 is the efficient county superintendent of Barbour County

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- The New Home. 35 ladies, 4 lady teachers and two gentlemen are living in the Ladies' Hall. This makes quite a large family to gather about the tables in the dining room three times a day..
- Our Standing. It is gratifying to know that the graduates of the Seminary are taking such high rank at the various colleges to which they go. The Ohio Wesleyan University, Allegheny College and the West Virginia University are glad to receive our students without examination on certificate of the work done here.
- Boarding School Expense. Those who are familiar with the best boarding schools elsewhere, and with some of our older colleges, say that the table and other accommodations are equal to those in many other places where the charges are one half higher, or more than ours.
- Additions to the Faculty
    - Prof. M.P. shawkey, Department of Natural Science and Mathematics
    - Miss May E. Carter, preceptress and English Literature
    - Mr. J.F. Caskey, Business Department
- $225,000.00 (how Ohio Wesleyan University is raising endowments)
- Whereabouts of Graduates
    - G.W. Billingsley, Minnie Carper, W.L. Hammond, W.F. Jenkins, Bruce mcKinley, L.R. McMillan, Myrtle Parriott, Lelia Rapp, Edward Rohrbough, Ione M. Stone, Kate Winchester, W.G. Lloyd

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- Personals (Various notes and items. Some examples follow)
    - Roy Reger, of '93, is Post Graduate student and teacher in the Seminary
    - Where is the man or woman who will give one hundred dollars for the Library?
    - Let every minister in the Conference read thenotice in this paper about the five per cent.
    - China decorations in the Art Department are fine this fall. The kiln is doing first class burning.

    - W.E. Baker of '93 and J.F. Strader, of '92 are students of law in the West Virginia University
    - Send for a catalogue of the Seminary if you are not already supplied and do some work for the school.
    - J.A. O'Neal has charge of the steam heating apparatus in both buildings. Thus far the heating is very satisfactory.
    - J.S. Harvey, of '93, G.A. Pegram and A.W. Chambers, of '92 and Ed. Baker are students in the Ohio Wesleyan University.
    - Don't believe the statement that West Virginia students must go out of the State to find a first class school. We have it at home.
    - We recently enjoyed a trip to Rivesville, W.Va. to dedicate a new church near there. Rev. L.W. Coffiled is doing splendid work on the Marion circuit.
    - President Hutchinson received last week five dollars from a lady in Pennsylvania, a Presbyterian whom he had never in any way solicited for help for the Seminary.
    - Will some friend of the school pay for and send to our Reading room any of the following magazines? Scribner's, Century, Harper's, North American Review? Do it before you forget it.
    - The young men have organized an athletic association and meet four days in the week for physical drill. The young ladies in the Hall meet under direction of Miss McWorter for the same purpose.
    - The Conference Seminary is each year becoming more secure in its standing as the leading denominational school in the State. No other school of the kind has near so many students from within the bounds of West Virginia.
- To the Pastors - regarding the Seminary apportionment. The Conference passed a resolution recommending a Sabbath in November as "Seminary day."

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- Our Financial Condition (Gives a few points, and then a plea for Endowments)
    - There are no debts back for current expenses
    - The old debt of $20,000 which existed five years ago has been paid in full
    - Besides the expense of the new hall ($19,000) and the furnishings, there has been the need for $2,000 to place steam heat in the main building. In order to raise this money, bonds were issued to the extent of $18,000, which figure now represents about the actual debt of the Seminary.
- Married. Several former students and graduates have been married since the last issue.
- Advertisement: The West Virginia College Seminary (lists faculty)

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- Annuities. The plan of giving to educational institutions property in the form of real estate or bonds or money, is growing in favor in all parts of the country. Please give it your careful consideration. Do not postpone the matter. The Seminary has lost several gifts during its short history because of the delay of persons who intended to give; meanwhile death came and cut short their plans. What nobler object could one assist than help to build up a Chrisitan Seminary in the heart of the great State of West Virginia.

- Large Gifts have been given to many American colleges and universities. Let the laymen of West Virginia take into serious consideration the subject of endowing their Conference Seminary. The supreme need for the future is a better equipment and invested funds. (needed: better equipment, library, apparatus, and a new gymnasium)
- Art Department (description of all of the great materials being used. The aim of the Art Department is to develop in the student the power of observation, and a keen perception of the beautiful in all things.)

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- The Financial Outlook (Treasurer, Dr. Reger - we are glad to say that the financial condition of the running expenses of the school is in as good shape as least, if not better, than this time last year)
- The Ladies' Hall is all that we anticipated.
- A Problem for the Friends of the Seminary (providing furnishings for Ladies' Hall)
- Mid-Winter Concert of the Music Department postponed until January 28th.

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- Locals (Various notes and items. Some examples follow)
    - The next lecture in the Seminary course will be delivered by Hon. Geo. W. Atkinson, of Wheeling
    - Prof. C.J.C. Bennett, formerly of the Seminary, is now post graduate student in the Leland Stanford University.
    - The Seminary commands the confidence and is securing the patronage of the best and most intelligent class of patrons in the State.
    - Miss McWhorter, teacher of Elocution, will give a rehearsal with some of her students before the school at an early date. This will give the students an opportunity of the experience of appearing before the public.
    - Commencement this year occurs from June 7th to 11th. Let all former students, and especially the graduates, arrange to be present.
    - A windmill has been placed in position over the well in front of the Ladies' Home, with the expectation that it will lift water from the well to the tank in the attic.
    - The Junior and Senior classes have recently given their public rhetoricals under the direction of Prof. Trotter.
    - Let no young person who desires a higher education say he cannot secure it.
    - During the six years of the life of the Seminary, we can see a great advance in educational affairs in West Virginia. The public schools are constantly improving and higher institutions are being founded and developed. More students are now pursuing higher courses of study than ever before in the history of the State.
    - The saloon can not come to Buckhannon or to Upshur County. This is the overwhelming sentiment of our people expressed at the polls.
- Please Read This - Asking ministers or other friends of the Seminary to send students our way

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- To the Pastors (Spring term will open March 5)
- A Word to Former Students. Congratulations! We often think of you and feel like sitting down and writing a letter to every one of you. We would like you to send us students for

the spring term, and make your plans early to be here at Commencement. Write to us and tell us where you are and what you are doing.

- Expenses of an Education. No college charges students for tuition anywhere near what it actually costs. Although the Seminary is running very economically, and the salaries are low, the tuition is also very low, and has never paid within a thousand dollars or more of the expenses during any year.
- “Let it be known to our friends and intended patrons everywhere that the State law as it now stands, gives the graduates of the Seminary the same privilege in securing a State certificate as are granted to the State Normal schools and State University.”
- Advertisement: The West Virginia Conference Seminary. Includes a pen and ink drawing, list of the faculty, dates and expenses for the Spring Term